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Student Leaders Vote Themselves a Raise

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By: Tanya Enberg

As a student of George Brown College you have a right to know where your dollars are going. On Thursday October 24 the Student Association Board of Directors held a meeting to discuss various issues. One issue at hand was the monthly honorarium student leaders receive. In last years structure Vice-Presidents received \$375.00 and Student Leaders received \$225.00 per month. The structure and subsequent honoraria were changed at the end of the last academic year. Board members (BM) were to earn \$300.00 per month with the President earning \$350.00. One of the reasons cited was that BM would earn full-time wages throughout the summer. The motion for the \$100.00/month raise was carried by a vote of 5 for, 3 against and 1 abstention..

The conflict of interest caused concern for some members. On one hand the BM voted themselves a raise but on the other hand they deserve to earn minimum wage. According to Susan Deak, President of the Student Association, the commitment is the same as it was in the beginning.

"When I took on the commitment I understood what I was taking on. The raise wasn't ethically correct. If it had to do with the amount of work I am doing then fine, but this is the commitment."

An important skill involved with being a student leader is the ability to work towards similar goals as a collective but it also requires objectivity.

Deak says, "I am on the Board so majority rules, but, I had to vote objectively. We may not agree but, we have to support the final decision."

Vice President of St. James Campus Resigns

By: Cathie Mangiardi

Chris Prokopiec officially resigned as the Student Association Vice-President for the St. James campus on Wednesday, November 13, 1996. Although Susan Deak, SA President, accepted the resignation she was disappointed. The Board will be making a decision about filling the vacancy at the Thursday, November 21st meeting.

Chris had taken a leave of absence and upon his return decided to resign. Although he wished that things could have turned out differently he felt this was the only solution. While he is disappointed he could not fulfill his commitment to the SA, he feels he must concentrate on school at this time.

He attributes his stay-

ing as long as he did to one key Board member, Ann MacPherson (Walking Bear), Vice-President. Nightingale campus. Chris and Ann worked together throughout the summer months preparing for the Student Representative Councils (SRC's).

Chris had taken a leave of absence and upon his return decided to resign. He made a choice between priorities, choosing academics over the SA. He does not regret his decision and strongly feels it was absolutely the right one. His words of wisdom to anyone thinking of dawning a position on the Board: "Be serious about your goals and objectives, but be willing to pay the price - your academics will not be your first priority."

Deak voted against the \$100.00 raise and has decided to donate the money to the foodbank.

According to Sandy DeSousa, V.P. Hospitality, several issues were behind the motion. Members of the Board are not earning minimum wage and the hours quoted from the beginning have exceeded limitations. These concerns are what prompted DeSousa to vote yes.

"Initially we were told that we'd be working 20 hours a month, but in reality we are

working 60 hours a month. Last year there were two Student Leaders and a Vice-President so work could be delegated. Now it's just me. Our jobs require alot. People always expect your help because you're a student leader. They often forget that I'm a student too. It's always a full-time job."

...It is of equal concern for those who voted no. The issue of receiving pay for the amount of work done, the conflict of interest was the underlying reason for the "no" votes. Director

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Student Voice

"SUDDENLY SUSAN"



**Susan
DEAK**

President of the Student Association.

As you may already be aware, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Student Association is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 1996 at 5:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge at the Casa Loma campus. A panel consisting of the Student Association Board of Directors and some staff, will be present to answer all your

The Student Association Annual General Meeting

questions and concerns.

You may be asking yourself: "YEAH... SO... WHAT'S IT TO ME?" It's an opportunity for you, as a member of the Student Association Corporation, (yes, it is an incorporated body), to see and hear about how the corporation has been operating. It is your opportunity to ask questions about all Student Association operations.

As members of the corporation, the Board of Directors of the Student Association, is accountable to you for all decisions and/or actions it has made in the past as well as those it will make in the future.

Have you ever questioned where your Student Activity Fee goes? How is that money spent? How does it ben-

efit students? How does it benefit you? This is your chance to get those answers. Your questions can be directed at any one of the individuals on the panel. By coming to the AGM, not only will you get answers, but you will also have the opportunity to connect with, and hear the concerns of other students from around the college.

Agenda items include: the 95/96 Audit, the Health Plan, this year's Budget, Student Fees, Athletics, the Student Representative Council, and Chartered Organizations. I hope you will consider attending the AGM and if so, I'll see you there.



**Shane
QUINLAN**

The Board of Governors Stand on Action Days

It was the topic of discussion for my first Board meeting as the student representative on the George Brown College Board of Governors. The Board, comprised of people from the community, College administration, faculty, staff and myself, the sole student representative, was asked to pass a motion closing the school on Friday, October 25th. This would allow students and staff to take part in the Action Days protest. The motion was not as

To Close or not to Close?

simple as it may appear. There were numerous underlying issues to be considered. The major area of concern was for students who are required to attend a specific number of class hours in order to obtain their credit. These students could not afford to lose an entire day. Another issue was the loss of funding from the government if the school shut down for a day. Other issues were brought forward, each keeping students concerns, especially the impact on grades, in mind.

The motion was changed to reflect these concerns. The new motion now stated that no penalty would be imposed on students who were unable to attend classes. (Remember the TTC shut down. How many of us rely on this

form of transportation to get us here?) There would also be no penalty or discipline imposed on faculty or staff who could count the day as a vacation day or an unpaid day off. The Chair, decided that the new motion was an operational issue and it was therefore not appropriate for the Board to make a decision on such an issue. Although the motion was challenged, the challenge was defeated. The position of the Board was that it was indeed not a policy issue and must therefore be decided by the College administration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please leave a message in my mailbox at the St. James SA office or reach me at 415-2449.

Shane is a second year Marketing student.

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College Life

GBC RADIO: FINALLY A GO!

By: Cathie Mangiardi

The long periods of silence are finally over. On Thursday, November 7th, THE HOWL, GBC radio started operating, albeit haphazardly. Although the station has been around for many years, this is the first time it is in a permanent location. For years it broadcast from a portable unit located in the old St. James SA office (down in the basement). With the building of a new student lounge, a small space was allocated for an actual station.

Located on the north east corner of the student lounge on the St. James campus, it can be heard in the St. James student lounge and will eventually be heard on the Nightingale and Hospitality campuses. Due to the various activities in the Casa Loma student lounge, the radio will not be broadcast to this location. All students, regardless of their campus are however encouraged get involved.

The station itself operates on a strictly volunteer basis. Arrangements have been made with a second year Audio student at Ryerson University to act as Station Programmer/Manager. His knowledge of radio programming and the equipment will make the sta-

tion run more smoothly. THE HOWL has cassette and C.D. capabilities only. A portable unit with turntables will be built in the near future and will be available for use by recognized SA organizations upon special request only.

Station DJ's have the opportunity to play music of their own choosing. Airtime will however be given to new releases the station receives from promoters etc. While it is our intention to appeal to all the students at GBC, we realize this is an impossible task. George Brown students are a diverse group with diverse tastes. To reach the widest possible audience we will be posting a suggestion box outside the station. Keep in mind that DJ's will be expected to adhere to a playlist and may not always be able to accommodate your requests. Once devised, a programming schedule will be posted.

If you are interested in becoming a DJ, or helping out in any way, drop off your name, phone number and a list of the times you are available in the SA Office. You will be contacted and expected to attend an information session. OPEN TO GBC STUDENTS ONLY.



Tune into the "Howl" with Chris Chen.

Food and Fitness Fair

Fill their minds with healthy advice and their stomachs with healthy food.

By: Shannon Whaites
We all have ideas on how we could eat better. We all have good reasons to try, but, sometimes we lack the right information and motivation.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation is working to change that by giving Canadians reliable nutrition information and good reasons to use it. However, a good diet is only one step towards a Heart Smart lifestyle.

Students filled the cafeteria on the afternoon of Wednesday November 6, to kick-off this year's Food and Fitness Fair. The annual event is put on by second semester students of the Nursing program. This year's festivities drew a large crowd and might be "the only time when all of the students (in the nursing program) get together besides graduation," says Marion Goltz.

Together, Marion Goltz and Mary McGuire organized the events to make sure everything ran smoothly. There is no doubt that the Food and Fitness Fair went off with-out a hitch! Students in groups of 12 worked together

throughout the semester to prepare creative and interactive presentations focusing on the themes of nutrition, fitness, psycho-social and spirituality. The afternoon festivities account for 25% of the students' overall mark. Presentors were interviewed by several judges and marked on content and creativity. Eighty-two students, separated into seven groups participated.

Congratulations!! The students came up with some very clever presentations - all promoting audience involvement. Blood pressure, heart rates, body fat levels, abdominal strength tests, and even E.C.G. readings were done. Information on the benefits of massage and aromatherapy, vegetarian dieting, pregnancy and exercise were all readily available

from the smiling-faced nursing students.

One student, Spencer Allen, took his group's presentation on Osteoporosis to the limits by dancing away to promote "healthy bones." Another group even made a day out of bowling with milk cartons!

I asked one student about her thoughts on how the day went: "I am just happy that it is over and done with, and I'll have to take things just one step at a time: EXAMS TOMORROW!"

I hear in the background: "Who wants more cheese-cake?" (I'm out of here!)



Prostitution: The Debate continues...

By: Tanya Enberg

If you picked up a copy of the October edition of The Dialog you are already aware of the questions surrounding the prostitution debate...Should prostitution be legalised in Toronto? Recently I attended a conference focusing on the prostitution debate, held at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts. Issues like should Toronto create a red-light district?, should prostitution be decriminalized?...and what are the possible pros and cons of making prostitution an "everyday" form of employment? were raised.

The panel included some very interesting folks, like Gerald Hannon who you may recall from recent controversial tabloids. Hannon is a journalism instructor, award-winning writer and get this...a prostitute! And appealing to support the pro-prostitution debate was Kara Gillies, member of the Canadian Organization for the Rights of Prostitutes. I don't know if I can make an accurate predic-

tion for Toronto and its prostitution sub-culture, but I will say it is VERY possible that Toronto is headed toward legalising it.

So what did G.B.C. students have to say on this issue? Well this is what I received:

"Prostitution has and always will be a part of society. The red-light district in my opinion is a realistic approach to the age-old problem. Legalisation would get rid of violence and pimps and make the business cleaner. Prostitution is going to happen legally or illegally so why not follow other areas that have made it work?" Jennifer Munday-2nd year.

"Prostitution is a service, more intimate but no different than any other entertainment service. A massage parlour provides a similar intimate physical service differing only in degree. Sex is something personal between consenting individuals, regardless of the conditions attached." Jason Horn-2nd year, General Arts

"Prostitution should not be legalised simply because of

the moral issues surrounding it, like religion. Society would still not accept the people in the profession even if it were legalised." Boshir Ali-Investment Sales.

"Legalising prostitution would be the most sensible thing to do on the part of the government. It would decrease the crime rate and generate tax dollars. I am not in favour of a "red-light district" because it only enforces the mentality that

prostitution is okay (as long as it's not in my neighbourhood). You cannot tell a prostitute by the way they look, talk, walk or dress. Many of them are among us contrary to what people believe. Prostitutes are home/business owners and may even belong to the PTA at your child's school. They are people too!" A student in the Community Service Dept.

"I agree with Ms. Enberg's article Prostitution: A

Decent Way To Earn A Living. I think legalising prostitution would provide more protection for the prostitutes and for their clients. Society as a whole would be better protected because the criminal element of this lifestyle would be curtailed if prostitution were regulated and monitored." J.W.-1st year, Community Service. Thanks to all those who sent in their comments!

In The Know...



**Beverley
THOMSON**

IT ONLY TAKES ONE GOOD THOUGHT, ONE MIND AND ONE EFFORT TO ACCOMPLISH THE MOST IN LIFE
N.E.A.D.S. CONFERENCE 1996 FOR STUDENTS WITH FUTURES

Have you witnessed fellow students drop out of school due to feeling overwhelmed, anxious or depressed? Maybe they had a learning disability and somehow felt ashamed to seek professional help.

A personal invitation was extended to the Dog by the Special Needs department to attend the NEADS conference for independent adults with disabilities. Sponsored by the Ontario March of Dimes and hosted by York University. Students, professors, CEO's and staff with disabilities from around the world gathered on November 8th to 10th at the Delta Chelsea Inn for this the 10th annual conference. Workshops in: "Leadership, Advocacy and Group Building, Disability and Identity, Division or Diversity?" and exhibits of Braille pictures and new interactive voice activated computer software amazed the Dog. Rather than being referred to as disabilities, the sources and availability of technology, leads me to believe

it should be called luxuries for special persons.

Workshops highlighted issues faced by students with disabilities. Disabled students felt there needed to be change within the college itself. The ideas they came up with included: computerized note taking in classrooms, academic tutoring availability, and quality assisted programs like FM Systems, a speaker that is hooked to the professors coat allowing his voice to carry directly into the ear of the student, blocking out distracting classroom noise. Another idea was to hold workshops to educate people about disabilities. One format I found quite interesting was: "Take Your Professor To Lunch" Professors are invited to lunch to talk about the issues for hard of hearing and students with visible disabilities. Community outreach was another positive link to improve the situation at the College.

Students with disabilities need to have their needs met in order to reach their full potential. At a renowned University in Ontario,

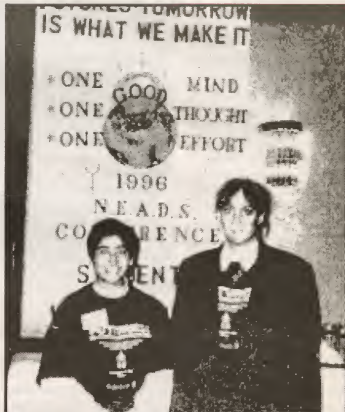
85% of faculty surveyed felt that students with learning disabilities had no right to be there.

One professor from York touched on "The Attitude of Faculty Toward Students with Learning Disabilities," which is usually caused from igno-

rance, or fear of the unknown. He told us some professors question the validity of learning disabilities: Interested parties can read the diagnostics on learning disabilities in Gerald Coles' book: *The Learning Mystic, A Critical Look at Learning Disabilities*.

One myth among professors is: "If its a learning disability then it means you can't learn, so what are you doing at an institution for higher learning?" The term "Learning Disability" appears to bring with it negative connotations and pre-labeled judgments. It's odd that we are trying to empower students and get them to be more confident, but people with learning disabilities are constantly having to prove just how disabled they are. Two students I spoke with at GBC said they are made to feel ashamed and guilty by their professors when it comes time to write exams. Are these professors concentrating on the disability instead of their ability to do their school work?

Students with learning disabilities at GBC may get additional time to write a test, or in some instances have a computer assist them. While professors seem to be sympathetic at first, if the student scores well on the test, some respond with: "I wish I had that kind of learning disability!" "Gee, I wish all the students in this class had your learning disability!" "Do you really think you need this extra time to write your test?" "Do you really have



Special needs Conference. Beverley with student Ray.

a disability?" Students are made to feel ashamed and guilty for using the special facilities available to them. Those I spoke with feel like they are in a constant struggle to have people understand and accept what it is to have a learning disability.

Is there a stigma associated with learning disabilities? In 1961 a study on how people without disabilities reacted to people with disabilities, concluded that people tend to reject those who have disabilities they fear acquiring the

most. For instance, if you're a runner, you may have difficulty accepting someone who is paralysed (wheelchair). That's your bread and butter, so that's why you would fear it the most. So what does this say about our professors and what they fear the most? It seems to me education and learning are a high priority on their list. Next time you meet a professor or student in the hall, and they have a negative attitude towards persons with learning disabilities realize it may come from their own fears.

What we need is education and communication of the definition of learning disabilities. The first step is to get universal agreement among professionals and researchers about what a learning disability actually is.

In order to get assistance with a disability and have accommodations made for your needs at GBC, you must provide an in-depth assessment from a psychologist, then, be assessed by the Special Needs department. Once approved, a student can tape classes, get a note taker, or get their text book converted to audio for easy listening. (Sometimes taking six weeks.)

We may have lost a few, but there is no need to lose anymore. If you suffer from extreme anxiety or feel you have a disability and need extra help than what you are presently getting in the classroom, visit the Special Needs department. They are located on the fifth floor of the St. James campus, Room 557E or call 415-2622. Being registered with Special Needs at GBC is nothing to be ashamed of, the only shame is ignorance of students needs.

Student Leaders...

(Continued from front page)

tor of Academic Affairs, Cheryl Khidaroo discussed the issues surrounding her decision to abstain.

"There were two major issues that surrounded the decision. Some felt they deserved a raise because the hours they put in did not amount to minimum wage. Directors and Vice-Presidents were paid less than minimum wage. Last year they were paid \$375.00, then it was reduced. Basically they are only receiving a \$25.00 raise."

Although Khidaroo abstained from voting she adds "I believe that hours worked should be hours paid for."

Director of Student Resources, Brad Labelle pointed out the difference in last year's structure. "Last year there was a full-time staff in place and then the BM took over their jobs."

Ann MacPherson (Walking Bear), Vice-President of the Nightingale campus is concerned with the Board structure as well as the conflict of voting on raises for themselves.

"I voted against the raise because I thought that we needed to get things together. I was concerned with the conflict of interest. I think it was clear that Directors and Vice-Presidents should get money for the amount of work done. The only reason I was concerned is that I thought we could be working together better. We need to look at the structure and find help for the V.P.'s of all the campuses."

Please let us know what you think. Drop us a line in the Dialog mailbox located in the SA Offices. We may even print your response. (Remember space is limited.)

WATCHDOG FOLLOW-UP

A DOGS LIFE OF REJECTION IN THE OSAP EXPRESS LANE

Neither the Dog nor the Dialog edited the quote by Ms. Albert's quote which appeared in "OSAP EXPRESS." (Except to take out one sentence due to length) The Dog did suggest sending Ms. Albert a letter of apology for a repetition appearing at the end. However, the apology letter should have been sent to the WATCH DOG, not to Ms. Albert. The Dog does think it terrible when such a nice jester gets twisted around. The Dog has a scale from a growl to a bite, and since OSAP choose to attack the Dog, I would scale the letter to the editor in the last issue attacking Ms. Thomson as a direct chew!

LAVATORY AFFAIR TURNS HEADS

Since the article on the Lavatory Affair appeared in the Dialog, students have been assisting in keeping the washrooms at GBC cleaner. For that we must all be congratulated. Additionally, the Student Association has also taken action.

Arrangements have been made for advertising in the St. James student lounge washrooms. SA Facility and Events Manager, Allison Lucy, informed me that as a direct result of my article, the SA learned of its power to negotiate its own contract with the advertising agency of its choice. Until that point there had been some misunderstandings between the College and the SA on this issue.

Zoom Media will be placing new monitored advertisements in the SA lounge washrooms. In addition, Zoom Media has given the SA two panels on how to advertise special events. These panels will be appearing very soon, so watch for them!

Campus Buzz

How have budget cuts affected your studies this year?



Ruth McCormick
Graphic Design
2nd year

"Not only are our classes packed to the brim, but you'll be lucky to even get a seat. Our one on one discussions with our teachers have been drastically reduced. For a three hour class with 45 students you are allotted only three minutes of help per student after the lesson. There are hundreds of students competing for computers and a handful of scanners and printers provided for second year students. The cutbacks have directly affected my life. I used my food money to purchase a computer because it was too hard to compete for computers at school when you have to worry about deadlines. Now I eat Kraft Dinner and rice every night and I guess you could call me a starving artist in it's truest form."



Anonymous
Logistics Management
2nd year

"Because of the lack of teachers, they are never around to answer your questions any more. They are always on the run and when you do catch them, they are stressed and grumpy and say that they have no time to help me. The teachers are over extending themselves. The classrooms are dirty and it's not food and garbage. It's paper and dust etc... There is never any toilet paper in the washrooms either. We are behind in classes because of software problems. When you try to get a computer in the Library you have to wait in line. I don't recommend this school to any of my friends. And I know other colleges don't have this problem. I have friends who go to Seneca who have great computer labs."



David Douglas
Futures Program
12 week course

"No, they haven't affected me yet. I am happy with the course I am in because I know that it will get me a job when I have finished. This is a pre-employment preparation program. We are learning about co-operation with co-workers. We have access to all of the facilities at this school and we never have to wait in line-ups for anything. I would just like to say that the one thing that I am pissed off about is the vending machine on the fifth floor. You put your money into it and there is no guarantee whether or not something will come out!"



David Parrott
Graphic Design
2nd year

"I think it's obvious that everyone will be affected by the budget cuts to education. The large number of students in each class prevents one to one discussion with teachers, which is so important to our educational experience. For example, our Life Drawing classes are all extremely large. One day I stopped and talked to the first year teacher who was with a class and he had students sitting on the floor due to lack of space. I asked him: "How do you teach a class in these conditions?" and he just shook his head."



Helga Pollemans
Desktop Publishing
1st year

"There are fifty odd people in one class, almost double from last year. We were promised 2 teachers assistants to help out, but they didn't start showing up until half way through the course. We have to share one printer, which means that most of us have to wait for hours just to print our assignments. The quality of our education has definitely decreased. It is almost worth paying an extra couple of thousand dollars to go to a private school."



Anonymous
General Arts & Science
2nd year

"Yeah, I've got teachers teaching programs and courses that they aren't even trained to teach. Last year when the cuts came in we lost a day of school and one teacher in the program. We were constantly short of materials last year and this year you have to buy all of your own supplies. I know that last year, teachers had to dip into this year's funds to run the program, so I am wondering how this year is going to turn out!"

Attention Nightingale Students:

Those students who answered the Campus Buzz question at Nightingale, please contact your SA office. We need to re-take your photographs. Thank you - the Dialog.

ONTARIO COLLEGES' MARKETING COMPETITION 1996-SHERIDAN COLLEGE



Closing Ceremonies Banquet. GBC Students and faculty.

On November 8th and 9th, George Brown College participated in the Ontario Colleges' Marketing Competition sponsored by Molson's at Sheridan College's Trafalgar Road campus in Oakville.

Arriving at the Delta Meadowdale Resort & Conference Centre Thursday afternoon for registration, students were taken on a tour of the School of Arts & Design-Visual and Performing Arts.

Opening ceremonies at Sheridan Hall welcomed students from all across Ontario. That evening, through a great team effort, GBC students Emma Hancock, Christina Gustin, Shani Campbell, and Chris Shea competed in the Marketing Quiz Bowl, claiming second and third place.

On Friday, students were in lock up all day participating in various events from marketing problem solving to

competing in sales presentations. They were also able to network and mingle with top CEO's from companies like Wal-Mart Canada, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the Financial Post. Be it sponsors, or through the career fair, students handed out resumes while mixing and mingling with other students from Centennial to Conestoga College. In all, fifteen colleges participated.

George Brown College would like to extend its appreciation to those students who attended and made it a memorable challenging conference.

The following students, in addition to those mentioned above are to be commended: Jamie Puch, Edward Dawkins, Guilia Frisina, Eric Maerov, David Jones, Paul Fruitman, Paul Alsop, Charlene Stinson, Shane Quinlan, and Beverly Thomson. We would also like to extend our thanks to the following faculty: Suzanne Kavanagh, Bruno Pullone, Peter Burgess, and Elwood Charlton, with

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In The Know...

Le Commensal

Restaurant Review
By: Sandy De Sano



On October 23, 1996, Le Commensal celebrated its grand opening. Serving fine vegetarian cuisine, the restaurant first opened its doors in 1977 in Montreal. To date, it has been honoured with eight award winning locations. Is Toronto soon to follow?

Greeted at the door by staff who have mastered the art of hospitality, Le Commensal's relaxed atmosphere, unique concept of payment, and exotic cuisine all contribute to it's strive for excellence.

Resembling a French setting, the decor is extremely pleasant and somehow soothing. The walls are a pleasant yellow with bright lights cre-

ating a lovely atmosphere. Small details such as woven baskets, fresh bouquets, and detailed murals all emphasize Le Commensal's trendy personality.

In the dining area, one sits in an open area surrounded by stylish furnishings enhanced by pleasant artwork from local artists, all of which are for sale.

After choosing your meal for the night, courteous cashiers will weigh your food. Payment is based on weight. This unique concept eliminates waste and allows you to eat what you like and plenty of it. No more leaving the plate full of what you didn't like and



craving for that little portion of what you loved.

This pay-by-weight-buffet method also results in no tip added to the bill. Great for students!

-Now, for the moment we've been waiting for... the FOOD!

Let's start off by saying everything is well presented. Being very sanitary, the food counters are well labeled of their treasure and fully stocked.

A great selection of each course is offered. A choice between soup, a wide selection of greens, and an overly appetizing plateau of entrees.

For all you rabbits out there, if you love salad, you'll love Le Commensal. With traditional greens and some exotic favorites, you'll find hu-

mus, chickpea salad and many fresh vegetables, all lightly dressed. No exercising required after this meal.

In keeping to the variety concept, the entrees included such classics as pizza and lasagna, (my favorite.... mmmm...) to exotic dishes such as Leek pot-pie. Keeping in mind that Le Commensal is strictly vegetarian, it does cater to all vegetarians (Vegan, Ovo, Lacto).

If you were to ask me, a steak-lover, what I thought of the food, I would honestly tell you that upon leaving my table I felt pleasantly full. None of the food is overbearing in grease or dressing. It has a light flavour and one may find the change to be bland.

Everything seems fresh as could be from the meals to

the freshly squeezed carrot juice.

I would only have one warning: if you don't like untraditional then this really isn't your cup of tea.

Le Commensal is licensed, serving beer, coolers, and of course, wine. With over twelve kinds of herbal tea, espresso and cappuccino, and with a dessert table able to put a smile on anyone's face, Le Commensal is sure to please.

After devouring my rich, chocolate mousse cake, I went for more. Exploring my wild side, I went for the Poppy seed cake.... yummy! Be careful though, what seems to be cheesecake isn't. With great resemblance, Soya cake mirrored cheesecake, but only in looks I'm afraid to say. You'll also find great classics such as carrot cake, another one of my yummy favorites.

Overall, Le Commensal will likely carry on the tradition of award-winning cuisine. For vegetarians, it may seem like paradise. For steak-lovers, it may seem, well, not too bad of a compromise.

If you want to prove me wrong, or join my side, check out Le Commensal at 655 Bay St. (at Elm St.) or call (416) 596-9364 for more information.

And finally, I would like to thank those at Le Commensal for their generous invitation and hospitality.

Le Commensal offers a 7% discount to all George Brown College and Ryerson students as well as members of the Toronto Vegetarian Association.



Italian Culinary Club

By Luca Pileggi

Italian is a culture that has much to offer the world. Together with the help of staff, students and guest speakers, the culture is being taught and explored by people of all races and ethnic groups. The Italian Culinary Club Executive consists of:

President - Laura Sangalli; Office Manager -

Rosana Pelosi; Public Relations Representative - Fabio Grow; Treasurer - Elizabeth Sayat; Newsletter Editor - Avalon King and Marketing Representative - Luca Pileggi.

The club is here to help all members "get a foot in the door." We try our best to provide our membership with a chance to network with people in the industry. We present

opportunities for members to volunteer at charity events and learn about the culture through seminars with chefs and members

of the associations in the Italian community. This helps students gain an outlook for their possible future in the in-

dustry. We would like to end by saying a well-awaited welcome to all present and future members.



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In The Know...

GRAPHIC DESIGN...Then and Now Budget Cuts slash the quality of education

By: Tanya Enberg

Every program has been affected by the 1996 budget cuts at G.B.C. Classes are larger, professors have decreased...we are even limited to the amount of photocopies allowed for each program! Although both staff and students are feeling the effects of budget cuts, some programs have been affected drastically compared to just one year ago. Unfortunately the Graphics Design program has been one of the programs hurt the most by the recent cuts. According to second year Graphic Design student, Shannon Whaites the program isn't what it used to be.

"Last year students received alot of help from their professors. They had fifteen to twenty minutes to spend helping each student. This year some profs have actually told me that they actually don't have the time to help and to come back later."

George Brown's Graphic Design program has always been known it's hands on approach to learning. Graduates

receive indepth knowledge on photography, illustration and computers, all of which are pertinent for the demands of the job. With the budget cuts, important aspects of the program are also being cut.

"The time span of projects use to be two to three weeks for the final product. Now it has been extended to three to five weeks! This means we work on less projects, receive less instruction but spend the same amount of money on tuition."

There are forty-two students in each class but only thirty-six computers. You do the math!" says Whaites.

Rumours have been surfacing among Graphic Design students pertaining to the photography course scheduled for semester two, being cancelled. The rumours have left many students questioning the standard of education they are receiving.

"I am upset that I have spent \$600.00 on photography equipment that I don't know how to use and may not ever know

how to use if they cut the course. I know that some students have said that they are thinking about going elsewhere to continue their studies because of the poor program quality."

This is what one former graduate of the George Brown Graphic Design program had to say.

"When I attended George Brown in 1994, I don't think there were money problems in my program. As far as education goes in helping a persons career I think it's extremely important. My present job reflects the program I took, but alot of things helped like getting experience...working for The Dialog."

IT'S TIME FOR A PARTY G.B.C.!

This time of year is a hectic time for all of you struggling students...that's why it's time to sit back and guzzle a few pints and RELAX. So the gracious General Arts and Science reps are offering you the chance to unwind. Come down to the student lounge on Thursday, November 21st to indulge in beverages and meet fellow student-slaves. The doors open at 12:00p.m. All we ask is for you to bring a non-perishable or canned food item. Admission is FREE...and all donations will go toward helping the G.B.C. students. (That's you!)

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THE SAC SHACK!

Month in Review

by: Susan Deak and Bev Mulvihill-Lawrence

Oct. 3

First meeting with the Student Representative Council class reps. **THREE CHEERS FOR THOSE REPS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO BE A PART OF ALL OF THIS!!**

Oct. 17

Panel discussion with an advisory panel from the Ministry of Education and Training on the government's discussion paper titled "The Future of Post-Secondary Education in Ontario." George Brown made recommendations. The College's written response to the discussion paper can be viewed in

the College's libraries.

Oct. 18

George Brown's Varsity Men's Basketball team, the Huskies, defeats Bahamas team. Huskies and Bahamas team were tied at 75 with 4 seconds left in the game. The Huskies fouled and their coach called for a time-out. The choreography that followed was amazing. The Huskies had control of the ball. One pass! Another pass! A three point shot taken right at the buzzer! Everyone holds their breath! ... **SWISH!!** The crowd goes wild! A post-game party followed in the Student Lounge.

Oct. 23

8th Annual Aerobathon at Casa Loma. Congratulations to all. Special thanks to Deanna Oliver for all her hard work.

Oct. 24

New Treasurer, Massoud Danayar is acclaimed. New Director of Chartered Organizations, Austen Egiebor elected.

Oct. 25

Toronto commuters faced rude awakening as T.T.C. shuts down for the Metro Day of Action. GBC became a difficult place to access due to picketers blocking the entrances.

Oct. 30

Official grand opening of the new facilities at St. James campus. Government representatives, GBC Foundation members, and college representatives spoke and cut the ribbons. Five ribbon cuttings in all: the new entrance from King St., the new Student Affairs area, the new Bookstore, the new Computer lab, and the Student Centre.

Oct. 31

Rocky Horror Picture Show Party and Pub. Small but interactive and fun crowd. Did anyone notice just how much candy there

was all over this College? **SUGAR RUSH OR WHAT**

Nov. 6

The Best of Montreal comedy troupe stopped by St. James for laughs and performed to a responsive crowd.

Nov. 14

This year's first Pub Crawl. A total success for a sold-out crowd. More Pub Crawls to come - watch for posters!

Up and Coming

Various-Pubs occur every Wednesday up at Casa Loma and every Thursday at St. James. Turn outs have been pretty good and we hope that they'll be even better in the weeks to come!!

Movies-Each Monday at Nightingale and Casa Loma current films will be shown in the student lounges between 12 p.m. - 2 p.m..

November 26 - Annual General Meeting at Casa Loma Campus. Watch for posters.

TBA-International Food Fest is coming!! We are looking into having a different foods from different cultures around the world to be served at a low price.

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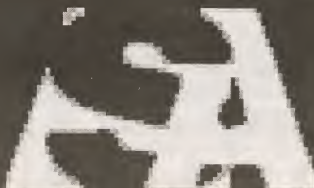
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Two buses to the Annual General Meeting from the St. James campus will be provided courtesy of the Student Association.



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